Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Black Hills State University (BHSU) has served the education and economic development needs of the state of South Dakota faithfully for 125 years; and,

Whereas, BHSU has changed names several times to reflect the evolving role and mission from Dakota Territory Spearfish Normal School in 1883; to Black Hills Teachers College in 1941; to Black Hills State College in 1964; and to Black Hills State University in 1989; and,

Whereas, BHSU has transformed lives through innovative academic programs and a dynamic learning community with a current enrollment exceeding 4,000 students. It is the largest university in western South Dakota and the 3rd largest university in the state; and,

Whereas, BHSU offers 56 bachelor degree programs, 3 master's degrees, and several associate degree programs providing an exceptional educational experience in the Colleges of Education, Business, and Arts and Sciences; and,

Whereas, BHSU is nationally recognized on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for students' outstanding community service programs; and,

Whereas, BHSU is taking an active role in many new and growing initiatives in the region, including innovative changes in education, the development of a world-class science lab in Lead, and emerging technology-related business enterprises; and,

Whereas, Black Hills State University will celebrate 125 years of excellence in higher education at the Founder's Day Luncheon at the Yellow Jacket Student Union on February 27, 2008:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 27, 2008, as

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State